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SUBJ: 55ECOSOC: AGENDA ITEM 7-INFORMATION AND MOBILIZATION OF
PUBLIC OPINION

1. SUMMARY. DEBATE ABOVE SUBJECT INCLUDED 22 INTERVENTIONS
25-26 JULY. EXTENSIVE RESOLUTION CO-SPONSORED BY FRANCE, CHILE,
NETHERLANDS PROPOSED DRAWING ATTENTION GA TO EXPANDED INFOR-
MATION PROGRAM CONTAINED IN SG REPORT THIS ITEM AND WAS CENTER
NUMEROUS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. REVISED VERSION TO BE CONSIDERED
IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MONDAY PM. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION OF REPORT BY AKATANI, HEAD
OFFICE PRESS INFORMATION, FRENCH DEL INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION
CO-SPONSORED WITH CHILE AND NETHERLANDS. AFTER CALLING FOR
HELP FROM GOVERNMENTS, NGO'S, AND ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UN
SYSTEM FRENCH REP REVIEWED OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS PARTICULARLY
THE 10TH WHICH DREW ATTENTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SUGGESTIONS
IN SG REPORT "RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES DESIGNED TO
FACILITATE THE WORK OF CESI".

3. US REP IN WELL RECEIVED SPEECH COMMENDED SG AND OPI FOR
REPORTS AND FOLLOWED BRIEFING PAPER. STATED U.S. OPPOSED
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TRANSFER OF PORTION CESI BUDGET TO OPI AND RECOMMENDED STUDY

OF INFORMATION OPERATIONS OF OPI, CESI, UNDP, AND OTHER
INFORMATION OFFICES IN UN SYSTEM. FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED.

4. NETHERLANDS REP AS CO-SPONSOR WELCOMED IDEA OF GLOBAL
APPROACH TO INFORMATION, AND EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT SMALL
NUMBER OF REPLIES RECEIVED TO REQUESTS TO COUNTRIES FOR INFO-
MATION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SAID UN INFO BODIES SHOULD MORE
EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTERS, INDICATED
NGO'S HAVE IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY, AND NOTING GREAT NEED FOR
INFORMATION SUGGESTED CDSI SHOULD BROADEN ACTIVITIES. VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NETHERLANDS ARE OF TEMPORARY CHARACTER HE
SAID AND NOT INTENDED TO MEET SALARIES. DUTCH WISH SUPPORT INFO
ACTIVITIES BUT NOT STAFF WHICH SHOULD BE PLACED ON SAME FOOTING
AS OPI STAFF. HE NOTED WORLD DEVELOPMENT DAY IS USEFUL CONCEPT.

5. PAKISTAN REP ALSO HOPED WORLD DEVELOPMENT DAY WOULD BE
SUCCESSFUL. HE CITED WIDE RANGE ACTIVITIES OF CESI AND INDICATED
NATIONAL INFORMATION BODIES SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED. HE QUESTIONED
EFFECTIVENESS OF CESI OPERATION. IN COMMENTING ON ROLE OF
UNIVERSITIES IN INFORMATION PROGRAM PAK REP QUERIED WHETHER WE
KNOW WHAT YOUTH WANTS TO KNOW. ALSO MADE CYNICAL REMARK RE
CORRIDOR JOKES RE "THE DEVELOPMENT GAME" WHICH HE ASSUMED
RESULTED FROM CESI SOURCES.

6. REPS INDONESIA AND BRAZIL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION
PRIMARILY EDITORIAL IN CHARACTER. BRAZIL NOTED THAT ADMINIS-
TRATIVE MATTERS SHOULD BE HANDLED IN 5TH COMMITTEE. JAPAN
INDICATED CESI MAINTAINED BY SMALL NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AND
SHOULD BE MORE BROADLY SUPPORTED. SUGGESTED THAT THIS SHOULD BE
TAKEN UP IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. LOCAL PRIDE SHOWED IN COMPLIMENTARY
REMARKS RE AKATANI AND GENERAL SUPPORT FOR OPI.

7. FINLAND DEL COMMENDED REPORT OF SECGEN AND SAID THERE WAS
MUCH ROOM FROM BETTER GLOBAL COORDINATION OF VARIOUS INFORMATION
OFFICES IN UN SYSTEM CITING PARTICULARLY UNDP, UNICEF, FAO, AS
WELL AS OPI AND CESI. DEL FINLAND ALSO SAID INFORMATION ON
SITUATION AND PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS A REGULAR
FEATURE IN FINNISH SCHOOLS AND SUGGESTED OTHER COUNTRIES MAY
ALSO WISH CONSIDER INSTITUTING SUCH PROGRAMS.

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8. CHILE (SANTA CRUZ) IN USUAL WIDE-RANGING AND LENGTHY STATE-
MENT CITED INTER ALIA THAT US SUPPORT OF UN RESTS AT 34 0/0 PER
RECENT POLLS. HE NOTED THAT US STATEMENT INDICATED PUBLIC
INFORMATION WAS IN PRIVATE HANDS AND THE GOVE COULD NOT CHANGE
THE PRESS. HE NOTED FAMILIARITY WITH THIS SYSTEM SINCE IT
WAS US PRESS THAT INFORMED US AND WORLD OPINION OF ITT MATTER.
HE FELT THAT US GOVT NEVERTHELESS HAD POWER "WELL WITHIN ITS
MEANS" TO BRING INFO TO PRESS. HE NOTED NO REFLECTION IN US

PRESS OF US DELAY IN APPROVING CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR ECOSOC ENLARGEMENT. HE STRESSED OBLIGATIONS EACH UN MEMBER TO ENCOURAGE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SUPPORT TO STRENGTHEN UN. HE THOUGHT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INFORMATION BETTER CIRCULATED BY CESI.

9. UK REP CONGRATULATED SG ON REPORT AND NOTED THAT RESOLUTION PLACED EMPHASIS ON "DEVELOPMENT STORY" AND SAID IT VERY IMPORTANT THIS NOT BE REPLACED BY "SIDE ISSUES". NATIONAL AND GLOBAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE LINKED AND THEMATIC APPROACH WAS GOOD. HE FOUND NEW PUBLICATION DEVELOPMENT FORUM IS GREAT IMPROVEMENT. OFFER AMENDMENT OPPOSING DUPLICATION AND STRESSING GREATER UTILIZATION AND COOPERATION OF UN INFORMATION ORGANIZATIONS.

10. REP DENMARK SUPPORTED CESI'S PROGRAM AND REP KENYA EMPHASIZED ROLE OF NATIONAL GOVTS MORE IMPORTANT THAN UN AGENCIES IN PUBLIC INFORMATION.

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11. USSR DEL (NESTORENKO) SAID INFORMATION DISSEMINATION IS NATIONAL PROBLEM AND THAT HIS COUNTRY DOING WHAT IS NECESSARY. SAID NGO INVOLVEMENT IN DETAIL NOT NEEDED. HE WAS NOT SURE HOW WORLD DEVELOPMENT DAY WAS TO BE CELEBRATED NOR DEGREE TO WHICH NATIONAL SUPPORT WAS REQUIRED. SAID PROPOSED RESOLUTION WOULD BE CONSIDERED FURTHER BY HIS DEL. POLISH DEL OPPOSED

PROLIFERATION INFORMATION MACHINERY AND ANY INTERFERENCE WITH SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF STATES. HE EMPHASIZED RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION WERE LIMITED AND STATED INABILITY TO SUPPORT 10TH OPERATIVE PARA OF RESOLUTION DRAWING SG REPORT TO ATTENTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS CITED PARA 2 ABOVE.

12. FAO REP STATED DEVELOPMENT NEEDS PUBLIC SUPPORT. TUNISIA REP GAVE GENERAL SUPPORT TO EXPRESSED FRENCH VIEWS. CHINESE REP GAVE OLE-LINE, STANDARD SPEECH CITING GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR, AND NEED TO REMOVE POVERTY OF THE MASSES, TO RESIST FOREIGN INTERVENTION, AND TO RECOGNIZE MUTUAL RELATIONSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE AND EQUALITY. SAID PUBLIC OPINION MUST LET MASSES KNOW OF "SINISTER SCHEMES" AGAINST THEIR INTERESTS. HE RESERVED HIS POSITION ON SG REPORT.

13. INDIA REP COMMENTED SUBJECT REPORT WOULD GO TO GA FIFTH COMMITTEE WHERE BUDGET PROBLEMS ARE FOCAL POINT AND THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS ARE ECOSOC CONCERN WHICH MUST GIVE THIS MATTER CRITICAL APPRAISAL. HE SAID DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MUST CHANGE PUBLIC OPINION TO FAVOR DEVELOPMENT, AND THAT IT WAS NOT ENOUGH TO STATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS BUT INFO PROGRAMS MUST ALSO INDICATE WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE. HE INTRODUCED NUMEROUS AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT RESOLUTION AND PROPOSED DELEGATION OF 10TH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH DRAWING ATTENTION TO REPORT TO GA. RE LATTER SAID FIFTH COMMITTEE WOULD CONSIDER BUDGET QUESTIONS ANYWAY AND THIS PARA UNNECESSARY.

14. BRAZIL, IN SECOND INTERVENTION, QUESTIONED ADEQUACY OUR KNOWLEDGE OF MEANS OF USING MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA WHICH ARE HIGHLY TECHNICAL AND HE PROPOSED STUDY BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS. PAKISTAN REP PROPOSED DELETION 7 PARAGRAPHS AND PROPOSED OTHER AMENDMENTS TO REMAINING TEXT. UK REP IN SECOND INTERVENTION REITERATED ITS POSITION AGAINST DUPLICATION OF WORK. REP FRANCE REQUESTED TIME TO CONSIDER ALL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WITH CO-SPONSORS AND TO PROPOSE REVISED RESOLUTION. ARGENTINA REP SUPPORTED THIS VIEW, WANTED AMENDMENTS IN WRITING, AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION NEXT WEEK. THIS POSITION SUPPORTED BY CHILE.

15. SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES APPROACHED US DEL AND EXPRESSED HOPE PRESIDENT WOULD RESPOND IN SOME WAY TO PROMOTE WORLD DEVELOPMENT DAY OCT. 24, IN CONJUNCTION UN DAY. SPECIAL SPEECH, TRIP TO UN, ADDRESS BY SEC STATE ARE POSSIBILITIES. ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS WOULD INFLUENCE ACTIONS BY OTHER HEADS OF STATE.

16 COMMENT: NOT CLEAR JUST WHAT SHAPE OF FINAL RESOLUTION WILL BE EXCEPT THAT PERHAPS 50 PERCENT OF CURRENT DRAFT TEXT WILL BE DELETED AND THAT REPORT MOST LIKELY WILL BE MERELY TRANSMITTED

TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITHOUT LANGUAGE DRAWING ATTENTION TO ITS
SUGGESTIONS PARTICULARLY THOSE "RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES
DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THE WORK". POSSIBLE THAT AGREEMENT WOULD
BE REACHED TO ENGAGE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO
REVIEW ORGANIZATION OF UN INFORMATION SYSTEM AS IN US STATEMENT.

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